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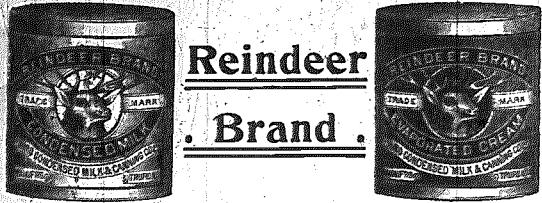
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### HUDSON'S BAY STORES, Rat Portage.

## THE PEOPLE ARE SUPREME

Mayor Cameron and an entire Council Opposed to the C. T. & E. Co., Elected.

The municipal elections yesterday were the most exciting and interesting of any held in the town and the available vote polled was the largest in its history. It gave evidence of the great interest which centered in the campaign. At an early hour the committee rooms of Mayor Cameron and Mr. Mathew were busy arranging for the polling of the vote. The number

were brought in rigs from a distance to the polls and it seemed as if there were enough rigs to carry everybody to vote. The Electric Co. representatives put out a great variety of dodgers with any old statement on them, from the erection of a pulp mill to promises of economical government, but without avail. If they had any thoughts of success they were rudely shattered. On the other hand the supporters of Mr. Cameron were confident of success and are not surprised at the result.

Mayor Cameron's majority over Mr. Mathew was 350. The aldermen elected are as follows: A. E. Hudson, A. S. Horwill, W. G. Cameron, C. W. Chadwick, G. E. Foster and W. McCarthy.

In the west ward Mr. Tweedie defeated Mr. McQuarrie for school trustee.

## MIKADO GOLD BRICKS

An Increased Output—The Mine in Excellent Condition.

Manager McMillan, of the Mikado mine, arrived this afternoon from the property, bringing with him the results of the latest clean-up. About \$7,000 in gold bricks were deposited with the bank. This is a considerable increase over the last clean-up, and one which in the opinion of the management is likely to be still further increased in the next return.

When asked how the Mikado was looking Mr. McMillan said it was in splendid condition, and that with their present facilities they were continually reducing the cost of production.

Mining men will be glad to learn this, for upon the low cost of operating will depend the success of a great number of properties in this district. Mr. McMillan will return to the mine tomorrow.

T. S. KENNEDY, K.C., DEAD.

A Former Rat Portage Lawyer Dies at Carman.

Carman, Jan. 6.—At about 8 o'clock this morning Thomas Smith Kennedy, K.C., died after an illness of five weeks. The deceased had been ailing for some time, but his friends did not fear any serious consequence until within the last day or two, when it was evident he was gradually sinking and gently passed away at the time above mentioned. Mr. Kennedy was a well-known lawyer in Ontario as well as in Manitoba, having been called to the bar in the former province in the year 1868, where he practiced for some time before going to Manitoba.

The late Mr. Kennedy was well-known in Rat Portage, having resided here a couple of years prior going to Carman. He was in his prime a lawyer of good ability, and had been engaged in large suits. His friends here will regret to learn of his death.

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of the boarding house. It is seldom that we have had associated with us one who combines such a thorough knowledge of his work with such unfailing kindness and consideration for the welfare of the men; and we desire especially to congratulate you on your success during the Christmas festivities just ended.

We hope you will long be with us in your present duties, and we beg you to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of our sincere esteem:

N. Macmillan, A. Milne, Jas. McKenzie, R. McWatters, W. Patterson, J. Sutherland, G. Yamen, G. Gorgenson, E. John, J. Naus, H. Shields, D. McIvor, F. Dellaire, E. Price, W. McKay, D. Matheson, A. Bissell, M. Matson, J. Rodgers, J. Noel, T. F. Faith, Witts, E. Ducharme, T. Marion, W. D. Mullen, C. M. Aylett, Jno. McKenzie, Michael Ryan, S. Flatt, D. Robertson, D. John, Jas. Emmons.

Mikado Mine, January 1st, 1902.

## THE THISTLES WIN AGAIN

Defeat the Victorias in Winnipeg by a Score of

41 TO 2.

The Thistles are continuing their line of victories, having defeated the intermediate Vics on their own soil in Winnipeg tonight by a score of 41 to 2. The news was received in Rat Portage with the utmost satisfaction, though it was expected, this was the third match of the season for the Vics, and their third victory. It is to be regreted that the contemplated game with the senior Vics is not to take place during the present trip. Regarding the Free Press has the following:

"There will be no game between the Rat Portage Thistles and the senior Vics, not just now at least. The Rat Portage team will play the intermediate Vics at the Auditorium this evening, and will play in Brandon Thursday night. It has been found impossible to arrange a suitable date for the game offered by the senior Vics, and it has been called off."

It was at first proposed to have the senior game arranged for Thursday night, but Brandon would not stand for the postponement of their match nor would the Vics agree to play on Saturday night, as proposed by Rat Portage, as on that day all ticket holders would be privileged to see the game free of charge, owing to the arrangements made with the ticket company.

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The first order of business, after the credentials had been examined, was the election of the officers of the executive committee for the West Algoma electoral district, as follows: Geo. A. Graham, Fort William, president; Thos. N. Andrew, Port Arthur, secretary; T. R. Denison, Rat Portage, 1st vice-president; Daniel Johnson, Fort Frances, 2nd vice-president; F. H. Singlet, Wabigoon, 3rd vice-president.

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feated Mr. McQuarrie for school trustee.

Following is a summary of the votes  
in the different divisions:

| WARD                       | D. C. Cameron | Mather | Brydon | W. G. Cameron | Chadwick | Davies | Foster | Horswill | Hudson | McCarthy | Nash | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|------|-------|
|                            |               |        |        |               |          |        |        |          |        |          |      |       |
| CENTRE                     | 161           | 15     | 18     | 21            | 56       | 39     | 3      | 33       | 80     | 61       | 26   | 28    |
|                            | 125           | 44     | 16     | 16            | 52       | 48     | 4      | 52       | 46     | 42       | 27   | 23    |
| NORTH                      | 195           | 61     | 68     | 61            | 98       | 13     | 78     | 110      | 122    | 68       | 77   | 71    |
|                            | 125           | 51     | 38     | 41            | 35       | 57     | 2      | 28       | 54     | 59       | 41   | 41    |
| SOUTH                      | 88            | 22     | 20     | 33            | 62       | 56     | 4      | 50       | 83     | 65       | 50   | 50    |
|                            | 2100          | 12     | 16     | 31            | 71       | 80     | 10     | 81       | 69     | 65       | 38   | 24    |
| WEST                       | 73            | 49     | 13     | 11            | 30       | 21     | 71     | 39       | 60     | 20       | 31   | 21    |
| Totals                     | 391           | 181    | 204    | 213           | 111      | 413    | 65     | 377      | 433    | 448      | 255  | 281   |
| School Trustee, West Ward. | Tweedie       |        |        |               |          |        |        |          |        |          |      | 38    |
|                            | McQuarrie     |        |        |               |          |        |        |          |        |          |      | 19    |

### At Cameron's Committee Rooms.

When the returns were coming in last night quite a large crowd gathered at the committee rooms of Mr. Cameron in the opera house. Needless to say it was a very enthusiastic crowd, and as the returns from the different divisions arrived and the results made known their cheers were deafening. When the final result was known the crowd demanded a speech from Mr. Cameron. He mounted the platform and said he was pleased to respond, and thanked the electors for the tremendous majority. He felt, however, he could lay no claim to a personal victory—that it was a victory of the people on a principle which they had fought for. He was but the representative of that principle, and he was glad that the people had triumphed.

He said there was no doubt as to the wishes of the people, and their mandate to the council was to go ahead and carry out to the finish the work initiated last year.

The mayor made an excellent address and when he finished was cheered to the echo.

Mr. Chadwick was then called upon and received an ovation. He said no one could be more pleased than he was at the result; in fact he was so pleased he could hardly express himself. He felt that the people had done their duty well and with no uncertain sound. He said he looked forward to the day when the people of Rat Portage

would not only light their houses by electricity, but cook their meals and heat their homes. That it was possible he had it on the authority of one of the most eminent electricians of Canada. He believed if the people of Rat Portage worked together and took advantage of the wonderful power at their doors we would have one of the very best towns in America and one with every modern convenience. An amusing incident during his address was when he said he was full of electricity, he pressed his elbow to his side, touching a pocket battery, which produced a brilliant light, flooding his face. The audience caught on to the uniqueness of the idea and applauded loudly.

Alderman Foster was the next speaker, and in a few words thanked the electors for the honor conferred upon him.

All the other aldermen-elect were called upon but were not present.

Mr. Brydon was then called upon and said that he regretted the electors had not seen fit to elect him again, but looked forward to another year.

Three rousing cheers were then given for the mayor and each of the aldermen-elect.

The taking of whisky into the jury room was the ground on which the verdict of the jury in the Randolph trial was set aside.

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The Electric Print some weeks ago prophesied a snow storm on January 6th. It took place. So far as we are aware this is the only statement which has appeared of late in its columns that the people took seriously.

The impression which Mr. Hose tried to give out that the town was unable to buy the electric plant was not believed by the people. They figured that the combined wealth of the citizens of the town was greater than that of part of the ratpayers.

As the water works has been a success under municipal ownership, so will the lighting system be.

Mr. Hose's open letter to the people, which was mostly an appeal to them to reject Mr. Chadwick, has been answered politely.

The Electric Light Co. butted a stone wall yesterday when it attacked public sentiment.

The N.E.P. styled Mr. Mather as the people's mayoralty candidate.

The Electric Print on Saturday said: "Mr. Cameron has no absolute right to a second term as the Miner would institute. The matter rests altogether with the people." The voice of the people, by their votes, echoed the arguments of the Miner.

## MIKADO MINE.

People in town are not the only ones who enjoy the Christmas season, for our friends at the Mikado always put the best foot forward in their endeavors to make Christmas week just like home. On New Year's day at the conclusion of a dinner fit for a king and prepared by the well known and popular chef and manager of the boarding department of the mine, Mr. Alec Cameron, the following testimonial and purse was presented:

To Mr. Alec Cameron.

Mikado Mine.

We the undersigned employees at the Mikado mine desire to express to you our appreciation of and our gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us since it has been our good fortune to have you with us in charge

The fire is supposed to have caught from the furnace and in a very few minutes the building was doomed, the fire spreading very quickly, the inflammable material of the building giving the fire every advantage.

The fire brigade were early on the scene and did magnificent work, saving the fire to the building in which it originated. We understand the building was insured but to what amount we have not been able to learn.

We doubt if any of the highly paid brigades of the larger cities could have excelled the work of our fire brigade in the two big fires of the past week.

In both cases the fire had a good start, but through the magnificent efforts of the brigade, was prevented from spreading.

## A SAD ACCIDENT.

Ed. Delorme, a well known resident of Norman and Keewatin, was killed on Friday by a falling tree at Mr. Mather's Eagle lake camp. The tree struck the unfortunate young man on the head and he never recovered consciousness. The body was brought to town by Messrs. R. L. Londe and J. Johnson. The young man's mother, who resides in Keewatin, has the sympathy of all in this sad and sudden affliction.

## ALL-OVER-CANADA ITEMS.

Boiled Down into Readable Paragraphs for Busy People.

The Wellington hockey team defeated the St. George's of Toronto, in a hard game.

Between 25 and 30 people are threatening Marconi with law suits for infringement of patents or ideas.

Dr. Robertson, superintendent of the home missions of the Presbyterian church, died suddenly in Toronto Saturday.

The Winnipeg River Power Co. seek power to construct an electric railway between Winnipeg city and Winnipeg river via West Selkirk.

The corporation founded for the advance of higher education in the U. S. by the \$10,000,000 donated by Carnegie will be known as Carnegie Institution.

English trades unionists are greatly alarmed over an action for damages claimed on account of strikes.

Premier Roblin has announced his policy regarding the Liquor Act. It is to remain in wheyance indefinitely. Temperance leaders are much disatisfied.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Mayor Howland was re-elected to-day by a majority of 1,622 in a total vote of 22,881. The figures were Howland, 15,424; MacLean, 8,775; Woodley (socialist) 638. The vote was much heavier than expected, but less than last year when the total figures were 20,944.

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., JAN. 7, 1902

## THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

The results of the municipal elections will prove far-reaching in their effects. Not only have the electors of Rat Portage demonstrated by their votes that they want municipal ownership of public utilities, but they have set an example of determination which will be emulated by other municipalities which find themselves in a like position.

The sentiment in favor of public ownership is very strong—much stronger than its principal advocates thought and certainly to its opponents it has proven overwhelming. It only required the initiative of a challenge sent out by the Electric Light Co. through their organ to crystallize that sentiment into action. And what an immense power is a public sentiment! Nothing could stop the tide, no side influences or issues, no misleading statements or absolute falsehoods, no personal enmity or popularity of the opposing candidate, could restrain the people from administering to the Electric Light Co. a rebuke which they must have heard with no uncertain sound. The interest of the public was not diffused but concentrated upon the one object which they had in view. They want to own their own monopolies and as they are satisfied with the success of their water works system, which is as complete and perfect as it is possible, they desire also to own and operate their own lighting plant. They realize if they want their business well done, and at the cheapest cost, they must do it themselves. The series of social wealth in co-operation, and we have proved in our water system that citizens can co-operate successfully as stockholders. It will be proven by comparison later on that the private administration of the lighting system has been very expensive. The citizens will work for themselves without the cost of the enormous profits which are now being paid.

Mr. Mather was not defeated by the people with such an overwhelming majority because they believed him incompetent or unworthy of the position to which he aspired, but because to them he represented, rightly or wrongly, a principle to which they were totally at variance. Many of his personal and warmest friends cast their votes against him because their sentiment was greater than their

THE CEMETERY AT MALACCA.  
Where Malays Sleep Well  
"After Life's Fitful Fever."

The Makam is that vast native cemetery in which it is the desire of every Pagan Malay to find his last resting place. It covers many acres of ground, and the little nests, or headstones, rise everywhere through the rank growth that covers the fruitful soil. A few trees stand here and there—trees with thick, fat leaves, soft and nappy to the touch, or the kind called "spoons" by the Malays because their shape is not unlike that of a flat rice ladle.

Occasionally the grave of a rajah, a noble or a man of wealth is marked by a headstone upon which some pious words or Arabic invocation have been rudely carved, some others are squared roughly, but for the most part the graves have no other ornament than a round piece of water worn granite protruding only a few inches above the surface of the ground or a crudely carved wooden peg leaning crazily to one side. Two or three of the graves have tumbled down erections built over them by the piety of the surviving relatives of him who lies beneath. Their devotion, however, has not been equal to the task of keeping their work in repair, and the decaying uprights and cross-pieces have the appearance of a pile of splicers.

Traces may be noted in other parts of the cemetery of spasmodic attempts to fence in some of the graves, but these have long been abandoned as Utopian. On one rajah's grave may be seen a huge iron four posted bedstead which oriental wisdom, doubtless after long and anxious discussion, has at length devoted to what its owner—conceived was the end for which it was originally fashioned. Rude huts rise here and there among the graves, with the grasses and creepers clinging about their knees, and these are built by the desire of the dead who have left money behind them for the purpose to accommodate the priests and holy men who come to chant verses of the Koran during the quiet nightings that the souls of the departed may rest in peace.

All the graves, from those of the kings who ruled the land to those of the peasants who tilled the soil, are nameless, and when a man has laid beneath the sod for a year or two even those of his kindred who held him most dear are unable to say with certainty where their brother lies buried.

## BACKACHE.

One of the Most Puzzling of Disorders to Account For.

Pain in the back is one of the commonest of the ills afflicting humanity, and at the same time it is often one of the most difficult to relieve and the most puzzling to trace to its origin. It is a symptom of many acute diseases, such as spinal meningitis, smallpox, malaria, influenza, and fevers, but in such cases it is of short duration, and its cause is usually evident. The backache of gallstone, renal colic or simple stomach ache is also an acute affair and disappears rapidly when the gallstone or kidney stone is passed or the faulness relieved.

It is different, however, with the chronic form, which so often defies all the skill and ingenuity of the physician and exhausts the patience of the sufferer with its persistence and wearying, boring, wrenching pain.

The conditions, which may produce this chronic backache are so numerous that a mere catalogue of them would fill the space allotted to this article, and we can refer only to the most frequent of them. The pain may be due to disease in the spine itself, in the spinal cord, in the back muscles or in the abdominal cavity. Pott's disease of the spine, thumb-chucks and cancer of the vertebrae, are the most usual affections of the spine causing backache.

AS SEEN IN ENGLAND.  
THE TOUR IN CANADA OF THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL.

According to this Correspondent It Had the Effect of Intensifying Instead of Dissipating the Ignorance of the People There Concerning Our Climatic Conditions—Part of the Programme Characterized as Mistakes.

Now that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York have returned to England it may not be out of place to sum up, from an English standpoint, the possible advantages that Canada has received from the visit of the royal party to Canada, writes the London correspondent of The Toronto Globe. This, you will remember, is a view expressed from the standpoint of a strong desire for the dissipation of much of the prejudice which has hitherto existed in Great Britain in respect to the climatic conditions of Canada. Unfortunately, the hope that so many Canadians in England had, that the result of the royal tour through Canada would be a fairer appreciation by the people here in respect to Canada, is not likely to be realized. It would have been well for Canada in many ways if, in the first place, some of the English newspaper correspondents had not been with the royal party, and in the second place, if some of those enthusiastic Canadians charged with preparing a program for the royal party had been less prominent. The receptions in Quebec and Montreal gave a promise that there was going to be a policy adopted throughout the Dominion which would please Canada in a better light before the reading public of Great Britain. All these hopes, however, were blasted when the reports came from Ottawa of the reception there. The more largely circulating newspapers gave the greater space to the most exaggerated accounts of the royal party running the timber slides at the Chaudiere, to the reception of the royal party between the foot of the slides and the "timber camp" at Rockville, and the timber-cutting and shantymen's huts at Rockville. The first named was picturesque in its wildest possible aspect, something which can only be seen far beyond the pale of civilization. As to the second, the English public were told that the river was filled with canoes of Indians and shantymen dressed in their native costume, who sang lustily the "Canadian Boat Song" as the royal canoe passed down the river. Then as the third, the lumbermen camping on the outskirts of the grounds of Rideau Hall, was given as a typical incident to be seen any day within a mile or two of the Parliament buildings.

Canadians knowing that the timber slides, instead of being an evidence of backward civilization, are simple engineering contrivances for the passage of timber from one part of the river to the other. As to the river below, the falls being crowded with Indians and shantymen in their native costume, I shall not be amazed to learn that the so-called Indians and shantymen were mostly the "upper four thousand" of Ottawa's social circle, who chose to pass themselves off as natives and shantymen for the time being, in order to make the royal visit, probably more interesting or more pleasant.

The conditions, which may produce this chronic backache are so numerous that a mere catalogue of them would fill the space allotted to this article, and we can refer only to the most frequent of them. The pain may be due to disease in the spine itself, in the spinal cord, in the back muscles or in the abdominal cavity. Pott's disease of the spine, thumb-chucks and cancer of the vertebrae, are the most usual affections of the spine causing backache.

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A meeting of her creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned solicitor in the Imperial Block, Rat Portage, on Saturday the 11th day of January, 1902, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a statement of affairs, to appoint inspectors, and fix their remuneration, and to order the distribution of her estate.

Creditors are requested to file their claims with the assignee, with the proofs and partitions thereof required by the said Act, or before the day of such meeting.

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## SEARCHING FOR OIL.

## PERSEVERANCE OF THE MAN WHO SET TO WORK TO FIND IT.

Edward L. Drake and His First Well in Pennsylvania—Reduced at One Time by His Experiments to Absolute Poverty.

Edward L. Drake was a man of one idea, but he managed to use it to such advantage that he added \$2,000,000,000 to the industrial wealth of the United States. He was the man who drilled the first oil well in Pennsylvania. A handsome tomb in Woodlawn cemetery in New York is the final resting place of the remains of Colonel Drake.

The actual story of the first oil well has never, in my opinion, been told.

Fragments of the truth have been given, with additions of more less romantic error, and there have been many stories published which have been entirely false. I have endeavored in this article to relate only facts which can be checked, and in the task of digging them up, am indebted to J. A. Mather and M. N. Allen of Titusville for much valuable assistance.

One bright autumn morning in the year 1857 a tall, dark bearded man, wearing the uniform of a railway conductor, appeared at the office of Errett & Bassell in New Haven and purchased 50 shares of stock in a newly organized company, having for its object the gathering and sale of oil in western Pennsylvania. Among the banks of Oil Creek crude petroleum had been found, and the excitement was still high when the New Haven capitalists organized their company.

Rock oil, or coal oil, as it is sometimes erroneously called, was obtained from natural springs or from broken trenches dug in oil bearing soil. These trenches were from four to six feet deep and were allowed to fill with oil and water that seeped from the soil. The oil, being lighter than the water, rose to the top and was absorbed in woollen blankets especially made for the purpose, a practice borrowed from the Indians, who had long used petroleum as a lightening. Another process was known as "slipping." The oil and water were dipped from trenches into tubs and when gravity had separated the two liquids the oil was skimmed off and the water was drawn by means of a vat at the bottom of the tub.

Mr. Drake believed that if he could pierce the rock stratum that lay below the oil in the company's land oil would gush forth. He was firmly convinced that a subterranean lake of oil existed beneath the rock.

His conviction was based on study. Geological formations had been proved fascinating to him, and he had spent much of his spare time when a farmer's helper in pursuing this line of inquiry. He was lacking in scientific training only.

Convincing the officers of the new oil company that there was "something" in the plan of boring for oil, he went to the district supplied with \$1,000 for experiments.

He ordered a steam engine and after much difficulty secured the services of an experienced salt well driller. The arrival of the engine was long delayed, and after waiting for several weeks the driller, believing that the colonel was a sort of visionary, refused to have anything to do with the enterprise. Thus the summer wore away without any new developments. The company lost faith in Drake and his idea and refused to advance any more money.

Thus Drake had begun to believe that Drake was a monomaniac. He seemed to live on his one idea. Boys in the street jeered him and men tapped their foreheads with their fingers as he passed.

## BUSINESS AND BEARDS.

Most London Men Clean Shaven or Wear a Mustache Only.

This would appear to be mainly a beardless age, for, though you do not find me in nearly all pursuits who wear beards, they are nevertheless in a vast minority just now. In the first place, let us take the typical city man. He is probably engaged on the Stock Exchange, and so it will be remarkable if he wears a beard. Most of the frequenters of Throgmorton street are clean shaved or at most a mustache is cultivated. The same applies to most bank clerks and young and middle aged men in insurance and other offices. Secretaries of companies are also generally content with cultivating slight mustaches if they are not altogether clean shaved.

On the other hand, it is curious to note that beards seem fairly popular among accountants. Indeed it would almost seem as if the growth of hair on the face were conducive to clear headedness in matters of calculation, so general do beards and whiskers appear to be among men of figures. Middle aged buyers and travelers in the wholesale soft goods and the "fragraderies" also seem partial to cultivating hair on the face though in retail trades it is seldom that more than the mustache is grown. Bearded men are the exception rather than the rule among drapers, bootmakers, stationers, grocers, bakers and such like callings. In the government service men are, as a rule, either clean shaved or they cultivate the mustache only. Take the clerks, telegraphists and sorters in the postoffice. Mustaches, especially the downy, curly sort, seem rather popular among the youths and younger men, while a few of their middle aged seniors indulge in the luxuries of comfortable beards, but for the most part the clean shaved men manage to hold their own.

At Somerset House the same remarks may be applied as at the treasury and other government offices. In the army of course they cultivate mustaches, though beards are practically unknown, even among our generals. Naval officers are, as a rule, clean shaved, though beards are pretty common among seamen. The law is, of course, the cleanest shaved of all clean shaved callings, which is perhaps, but as it should be. Medical men, on the other hand, are rather fond of their mustaches. One supposes that they are cultivated when their women have set up in practice in order to inspire confidence in possible patients. Take it all around, however, it may safely be said that clean shaved men in London are quite as numerous as those with mustaches if not slightly more so, while the man with a beard would appear to be getting more and more of a rarity.—London Express.

## POULTRY POINTERS.

More eggs will be obtained if the fowls have plenty of room.

Never kill a fowl for the table shortly after it has been fed.

Diseases are rapidly transmitted from the parents to the offspring.

Always select a small, active, vigorous male in preference to a large one. The large cocks are apt to be lazy.

A little drinking place will breed sooner than anything else. It easily becomes fond where a large number drink from it.

The slow feathering fowls are usually the hardest, as the drain on the system occasioned by quick feathering does not weaken them.

Keep the breed you like the best and that fits the requirements. Take care to avoid inbreeding. Raise your own hens, but get your roosters from other flocks. The eggshell is porous, and any fifth or sixth will soon affect the meat. Eggs should be cleaned as soon as gathered, if at all.

## JINGLES AND JESTS.

## Relief.

Along about December,  
We will be very, very, *cool*,  
And the blizzards will attend,  
Will not interrupt our toll,  
And the mercury will measure  
By a more complacent rule.  
Along about December,  
We can all  
Keep  
cool.

One Never Knows In Chicago.

"I've just received cards from the Hyatt's," she remarked.

"Wedding, reception, or divorce cards?" he asked. "It's so hard to keep track of these affairs now!"

## Wearing It In.

Daughter—Papa, how can you make us wait a year? Jack doesn't owe a cent in the world now.

Father—No, but he will at the end of the year.

## Very High.

Nothing keeps going up, we'll soon be living near the sky. You never can mention anything that isn't very high.

Even the pots, with the ground supposed to grow.

It's among the very high things when it should be very low.

## Had To.

Sue—The fish seems to grow larger every year.

He—Yes; trying to keep up with the fish stories, I guess.

## In Politics.

Worker—Every man has his price, you know!

Candidate—Yes, but every man hasn't the price!

## How Different Now!

In the country they held her on his lap all the time; now they're married, and he grumbles if he has to hold the baby.

## To Hide Her Face.

"Tom thinks I look lovely in my new hat."

"But you'd look much better with a veil."

## His Specialty.

Sinclair—Billings junior strikes me as being a very promising young man.

Timmins—Yes, more promising than playing.

## A Dread Experience.

Our warfare is a dreadful thing, for when it cloud appears we fight three months, and afterward we quarrel for several years.

## Risky.

Customer—What? Never shave your wife?

Barber—"In so nervous I'm afraid.

## Good Reason.

"No; I don't think I'll marry Cholly."

"Why not?"

"I can't get him to propose."

## III.

Marriage sadly fails in case  
And doublets always will.  
For the vowels "u" and "i" to diphthongs  
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Concerning the officers of the new oil company, there was "something" in the plan of boring for oil, he went to the district supplied with \$1000 for experiments.

He ordered a steam engine and after much difficulty secured the services of an experienced salt well driller. The arrival of the engine was long delayed, and after waiting for several weeks the driller, believing that the colbosh was a sort of vision, refused to have anything to do with the enterprise. Thus the summer was spent without any new developments. The company lost faith in Drake and his idea and refused to advance any more money.

Titusville people had begun to believe that Drake was a maniac. He seemed to live on his one idea. Boys in the street jeered him and men tapped their foreheads with their fingers as he passed.

Early in the winter his money gave out, and credit was refused him at the village shops. He faced absolute poverty and barely supported his family by doing odd jobs. He kept a strong heart, however, and his faith in the final outcome of his project remained unshaken.

Early in the spring of 1859 he succeeded in concluding two friends, R. D. Fletcher and Peter J. Wilson of Titusville, of the soundness of his idea, and they provided him with sufficient capital to renew his experiment.

He secured the services of William Smith and his two sons of Tarentum, who were practical salt well drillers. They brought with them a complete outfit of tools.

The soil along the banks of Oil creek was porous and water-saturated, and as fast as the hole was made the soil crumbled and the well filled with mud. No progress could be made. Although work was at a standstill for a number of days, Drake's ingenuity soon showed itself, and after many costly experiments he finally hit upon a plan to overcome the difficulty. He secured cast iron pipes six inches in diameter and endeavored to drive them into the ground. The pipes, being too light, were soon shattered by blows from a battering ram which he devised. There was another vexatious delay, and finally a thicker piping was secured in lengths of ten feet. These were readily driven into the soft earth, one pipe on top of another, until they came in contact with the rock. Drake had solved the problem.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, the drill began to pound through solid rock, and on the following Saturday it found its way into a crevice in the stratum, and the tools were withdrawn.

Indications on the bit showed the presence of oil, but the well was not a "gusher," as Drake expected. Though disappointed, he waited a number of hours for the well to flow. It was only sixty-five barrels per day. He intended to drill deeper. Smith lived in a shanty not far from the well, and early Sunday morning he went on an errand to the tool house, near the derrick, when he beheld a sight that brought joy to his heart. The long sought for amber fluid was bubbling over the piping of the well, saturating the floor of the derrick and soaking into the ground. Drake (petroleum) was worth over a dollar a gallon in that day, and Smith was well over the water.

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A Broad Hint.  
Landlady—Our Shakespeare club is to discuss the character of Cressus tonight.

Landlady—Did you know Cressus?

Landlady—What a question! Of course not.

Boorder—I didn't know but he learned here, he was lean and hungry, you know.

Men, as a class, eat too much meat and are prone to kidney troubles. Women eat too much starch and sweets, bread and butter and preserves, puddings, pickles and cakes, which produce corpulence. —Ladies' Home Journal.

#### Poultry Pointers.

More eggs will be obtained if the fowls have plenty of room.

Never set a cold fowl for the table shortly after it has been fed.

Diseases are readily transmitted from the parents to the offspring.

Always select plump, active, vigorous fowls in preference to a large one. The large cocks are apt to be lazy.

A filthy drinking place will breed disease sooner than anything else. It easily becomes foul when a large number drink from it.

The slow feathering fowls are usually the hardest, as the drain on the system occasioned by quick feathering does not weaken them.

Keep the breed you like the best and that fill the requirements. Take care to avoid inbreeding. Raise your own hens, but get your roosters from other flocks.

The eggshell is porous, and will often be affected by the meat. Eggs should be cleaned as soon as gathered, if at all soiled. Keep them in a dark, cool place.

The confinement of fowls is an improper mode of caring for them, but there should be only a few together. It is often the crowding together of large numbers that causes failure.

Crop bound fowls can trace their trouble to lack of gravel or sharp gritty grinding material as well as to fibrous substances, such as potato and apple prunings or grass blades.

Dry lime is too caustic to be given alone. Keep a vessel of lime water convenient and mix a little of it with soft food and also with their drinking water. Lime is a corrective of bowel diseases and a remedy for soft shelled eggs.

Garter Facts and Separations.

A young girl, blushing faintly, remarked at a theatrical performance the other night about the garter of a pale blue silk that a dancer wore below her knee.

"It is bad luck," she said, "to wear one's garter in that way. It is also unlucky, but principally it is bad luck, and for my part, would not do it. It is also bad luck to wear white garters—they signify death—and yellow ones signify jealousy and love troubles. Garters tied in a true lover's knot are the most fortunate ones, and if they are jeweled that makes them still more fortunate. 'November garters have no bad luck attached to them, but they are not very pretty. After the true lover's knot the black garter fastened with a gold buckle, is the luckiest. My own garters always match my stockings, but you could never induce me to wear stockings of white or yellow."

#### Seventeenth Century Sheep.

The best and biggest sheep, says Fuller in his famous "Worthies of England," published in the year 1662, are those of the Vale of Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, where it is nothing to give 110 or more for a breed ram. So that should a Foreigner hear of the price thereof, he would guess that Ram rather to be some Norman engine or battery than the creature commonly so called. "Foreigners," he adds, "much admire our English sheep, because they do not as those beyond the sea follow their sheep like a pack of dogs, but wander wide abroad."

#### Stained Fingers.

For stained fingers try the following: Moisten dry starch with glycerin, two parts of starch to one of glycerin, and rub upon the fingers. The result is magical. Some stains require frequent applications of the remedy, but even so, it is good to know something which removes the traces of soot from fingers which have ripped old dresses apart, scrubbed stained wood, peeled potatoes, dusted rooms and made fires.

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A Dreadful Experience.  
Oil, water is a dreadful thing.  
For when Heigland appears  
We fight three hours, and afterward  
We quarrel for several years!

Risky.  
Customer—What? Never shave your  
How's that?  
Barber—I'm so nervous I'm afraid.

Good Reason.  
"Nor I don't think I'll marry Cholly."  
Why not?  
"I can't get him to propose."

III.  
Bastard sadly fails in case.  
And bastards always will.  
For the towels "up" and "down" to diphthong  
Find themselves busy still.

True Enough.  
"It is love that makes the world go  
round."

"Well, maybe it certainly turns a  
man's head."

The Show Down.  
Ephraim—He can hold field acres.  
Rastus—Wot did you hold?  
Ephraim—Nah! bref!

Unsatisfactory.  
"All the world may love a lover."  
Said the young man, with a frown,  
"But that's not much consolation  
When the girl you turn you down."

The Beginning.  
He—After all, what does one kiss  
amount to?  
She—It leads to others.

One Trouble.  
Towne—I wonder just what is meant  
by the "embarrassment of riches."

Browne.

The Lucky One.  
The fiddler now inwardly takes his flight  
By duty sternly bid.  
To tell the truth he did not get a bite,  
But the mosquito did.

In a Bad Way.  
This curious language of ours! A man  
that is "down on his luck" is said to be  
"up against it."

A Complication.  
He—I never take a dare.  
She (determined)—I dare you to kiss  
me!

Values.  
A bird in the hand,  
When you kiss your life on it,  
Isn't worth half a bush.  
As one wing on a bonnet.

These Girls.  
Tess—This is my twentieth birthday.  
Did you know it?  
Jess—No; I don't.

The Man of It.  
When it comes to sprucing  
in the great human race,  
A man will run much faster  
If a woman sits at the pace.

Very True.  
It sometimes happens that the visitor  
who comes to town to see the sights is  
one of the sights.

The Worst Offender.  
The rascals won't respect gray hair,  
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and retail district. Rates: \$2.50, \$3.00  
and \$4.00 per day. W. D. DOUGLAS,  
Proprietor.

#### REFINED ALE...

(Which Sparkles Like Champagne)  
although the public know it well.

This Ale is manufactured with the  
greatest of care and guaranteed to be  
perfectly pure.

Bottled in Half Pint Size for Family Use.

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McNALLY, Cade, Rat Portage.

# THE GLASGOW HOUSE

## The Great Star Sale of the Season

OWING TO OUR DAILY INCREASING BUSINESS we are compelled to have more selling space. Extensive improvements will take place here in the early spring and new Departments will be added which will make our store one of the very best in the west. We do not wish to have a lot of our goods lying around when the carpenters and plasterers are doing their work and we cannot afford to shut up shop, but we intend to make a price on All Winter Goods and Odd Lines that will leave little to be destroyed.

This Great Star Sale Will Last One Solid Month From Jan. 2.

Cor. Fort & Main Sts.

### Xmas Suggestions

### Our Holiday Goods are now on Display

WE HAVE MANY NICE THINGS to choose from, and at prices to suit your pocketbook. We take pleasure in showing you our stock of Xmas Presents.

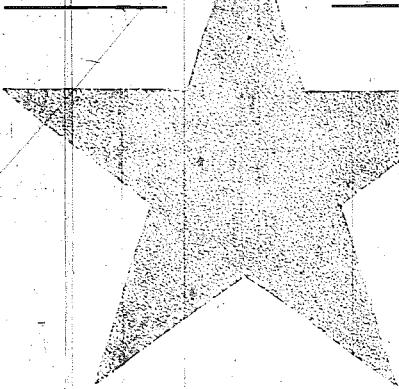
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Wood's Drug Store

JAN. 2



FEB. 2



Look at the Prices  
FOR  
SATURDAY,  
MONDAY,  
TUESDAY...

ON THESE THREE DAYS we offer Sweeping Reductions in our Ladies' Jackets, Misses' Ulsters, Skirts, Furs and Fur-Lined Capes.

16 Ladies' Jackets, Latest Styles, ranging in price from \$6.50 to \$10.00.

We Clear This Lot at - - \$4.90 Each

25 Misses' Ulsters. Nice Heavy Scotch Tweed, ranging in price from \$4.50 to \$7.50.

We Clear This Lot at - - \$3.90 Each

16 Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, all this Season's Styles, ranging in price from \$12.00 to \$20.00.

We Clear This Lot at \$8.50 per Suit

WATCH FRIDAY'S PAPER  
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Capt. Kendall went west on No. this a.m.

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A DISEASE THAT HAS LONG BAFFLED MEDICAL SKILL.

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From the Post, Buckingham, Que.

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"It is foolish," says an assayer quoted by the Philadelphia Record, "for people to pay for having old Jewelry remodeled. In many cases the jeweler keeps the old material and gives new articles in the style desired." In this business we see proofs of such instances every day. One particular case of the kind came under my notice some time ago. A man came from Mexico and brought with him a quantity of silver and a little gold ore. We melted the silver into a bar for him and kept the gold in payment for our labor. He took the bar to a silversmith to have it made into vessels, which he now, no doubt, shows to his friends as being made from the silver he melted him self; whereas, in fact, that same bar of silver was brought back and sold to me only a few days after I had delivered it to its original owner.

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### Battalions and Kingmakers.

The setting has been the British Isles

### THE REPORTER'S FIRST STORY

Scored a Success Because He Did Not Know When to Drop It.

"When I broke into the newspaper business," said the veteran New York correspondent of a big western daily, "I made a hit on my very first assignment, and oddly enough, my success was due entirely to my ignorance of my profession.

"I had long had an ambition to be a newspaper man, and when I was offered a position on a morning paper I jumped at the chance. It wasn't much of a position, and for several months I hung around the office waiting for the news assignment which did not come. Now, then I would be sent out to get material for an 'old' note to somebody who had died or perhaps would have a chance at a large sum. But it was a real lousy day when I got more than ten lines into the paper. Still, I hung on faithfully every day with the reporters and toed around waiting for that assignment.

"One day the city editor called me to his desk and gave me an enormous post of copy. The paper had received calling at certain, too high assessments, which had been put upon property in a certain street. He told me to look it up. It was one of those things which the editor for a story, every second day in a million, can't be bothered with. I took it up, however, and the boy reported. I started for the office.

"Not knowing anything about the methods of reporters, I covered that street from beginning to end. It was about two miles long and, although I took with me a ruler, I didn't measure



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Cor. Matheson and Fort, Rat Portage.

## Local Interest

The union prayer meeting will be held to-night at Taberplace. Subject "Our Nation." Addresses will be given by Rev. J. Wadsworth, of Keewatin, and Rev. W. M. Rochester. Let everyone attend, especially christians, and unite in the work of the Lord.

The Orangemen of the district of Rainy River will meet in Lily Hall, this evening to elect district officers. All Orangemen are cordially invited to attend. This is the first organization of the kind in the district, and it is calculated to do much good.

Mr. Bernard Donovan, of Mather's camp at Vermillion Bay, is in town.

Mr. Angus Robertson, of Vermillion Bay, was in town yesterday.

The Whist Club were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright last night.

Miss Belle Morris returned from Winnipeg Saturday.

Captain Datchey, of the Sandusky Fish Co., is in town.

Mrs. W. J. Thompson returned from a visit to her old home in Liston well.

J. K. McCullagh, the skater, is announced as an attraction at Victoria rink on the 15th inst.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co. are taking every possible advantage of this fine weather to push ahead to completion the work of remodelling and improving their plant here. The old works are being replaced by brand new machinery and everything in connection with the mill inside and out is being fitted up anew.—Beaver Mills correspondent, Fort Frances Times.

Mr. Wm. McKenzie, of the Glasgow House was a passenger westbound on No. 1 this a.m.

Mr. White who has been filling Mr. Elliott's place at the Bank of Ottawa, returned to Winnipeg Monday.

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At the residence of Mr. R. Wood, Main St., on the evening of the 6th inst., his eldest son, Mr. J. E. Wood, druggist, of this town, was married to Miss Jean Scott, late of Toronto. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Rochester, of Knox church. The contracting parties are amongst Rat Portage's most popular young people, and all will join in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous wedded life.

### Questions for Women.

Are you weak, nervous, irritable, easily worried and fatigued? Do you dread your daily work and feel like letting your duties go undone? Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will restore your nervous system and send the thrill of new life and energy through your body. It is above all a woman's medicine, as its invigorating influence on the nerves insures regularity in the functions of the bodily organs.

In an engagement with the Constabulary the Boers lost 19 killed and 37 captured.

The international boundary between Canada and New York State, is to be surveyed.

## Suffocating With Croup

Croup is the terror of every mother and the cause of frequent distress among small children. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine tends prompt relief to the loud, ringing cough, making breathing easy and preventing suffocation. It is mothers favorite remedy for coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchitis, whooping cough and asthma.

Mr. F. W. Bond, 20, Macdonald Street, Harry, Ontario, who having tried your medicine, my faith is high in its powers of curing cough and croup. My little girl has been subject to the croup for a long time, and I found nothing to cure it until I gave Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. I cannot speak too highly of it.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a positive cure for all diseases arising from impoverished blood, on a weak and shattered system, every dose makes new, rich, red blood and gives tone to the nerves, thus curing such diseases as, ophtalmia, St. Vitus' dance, paralysis, rheumatism, scoliosis, heart trouble, anæmia, etc. These pills are also a cure for the ailments that make the lives of so many women a constant misery. They are sold in boxes, the wrapper around which bears the full name—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Can be procured from druggists or will be sent by mail, just post paid, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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The hunter firmly believes that the duck committed suicide by drowning to keep from falling into the hands of its mortal enemy—man.

### Planting a Vine.

Remember when you plant a vine that you are planting for time, and make a good provision for its growth. Don't dig a hole just large enough for the plant and thrust it in, leaving it to sink or swim, survive or perish, as best it may. Rather give it a fair show for its life. Choose a place in good sunlight. Dig a hole two feet deep and a foot and a half square. Cut away the earth and fill the hole with well-rotted compost, putting good garden soil on top in which to set the plant. You have thus supplied it with something to grow on, and the plant will reward you accordingly.

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They know its value. They know its price. It tells the leather it is made of, the water it will耐 and how to care for it.

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